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Re: *Mendez v. United States*, 25-cv-01048-SMB

Dear Counsel,

I have previously sent you a letter indicating the government's view that your claims are barred by the Discretionary Function Exception. With this second letter, I write to further indicate that even setting aside the DFE, the complaint fails to properly assert a viable tort theory under the *Iqbal* standard. *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662 (2009). As such, I intend to move to dismiss not only on grounds of sovereign immunity under Rule 12(b)(1), but also for failure to state a claim under Rule 12(b)(6). If you believe that amending your complaint would respond to this defect, please advise, barring which I will proceed.

Sincerely,

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